

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 861

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. L. Anthony Wise, Jr., upon the presentation of his Presidential Regalia.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding educators whose exceptional expertise and dedication have propelled them to the top of their profession and who have attained excellence on the strength of their leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, Dr. L. Anthony Wise, Jr., is one such estimable citizen who will be presented with his Presidential Regalia for Pellissippi State Community College on April 10, 2012, at the Clayton Performing Arts Center in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, an assiduous scholar and firm believer in the importance of education, Dr. Wise earned his bachelor's degree in History and Business Economics from Wofford College in 1990, a master's degree in United States History from Wake Forest University in 1993, and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Tennessee in 1997; and

WHEREAS, since July 1, 2011, Anthony Wise has served with acumen and alacrity as the President of Pellissippi State Community College, standing as a beacon of solid stewardship and earning the respect and admiration of the faculty, staff, and students, alike for his decisive leadership abilities; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking the helm at Pellissippi State Community College, Dr. Wise had served astutely as the Vice-President of the school's Learning Division since 2007; and

WHEREAS, he ushered in a host of positive changes during this three-year tenure as the Pellissippi State Liberal Arts Department Head and positively influenced countless young minds through his nine years of distinguished service as a history professor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Wise has played an active and important role in numerous committees and councils hosted by such prestigious educational bodies as the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the National Alliance of Community and Technical Colleges, and Pellissippi State; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Anthony Wise was selected to participate in TBR's Global Leadership Academy, Class of 2008, as well as the Regents Academic Leadership Institute, Class of 2006; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Wise is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Lynn, and their three children; and

WHEREAS, the presentation of Dr. Anthony Wise's Presidential Regalia heralds yet another step forward for Pellissippi State Community College and marks the beginning of a new and exciting era in the institution's distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, we wish to seize this opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding administrators, educators, and citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. L. Anthony Wise, Jr., upon the presentation of his Presidential Regalia, applaud his outstanding career in higher education, and offer him our best wishes for much happiness and every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.